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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/542,915	KOCH ET AL.	
	Examiner Rita Leykin	Art Unit 2837	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 7-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 7-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 7/20/05.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 7, 10 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sato et al. US # 5,811,948.

With respect to claims 7 and 10 Sato et al. disclose a control apparatus for electric motor, wherein Fig. 7 depicts:

- A power supply voltage to a motor 10 via battery 2
- The electric motor 10 that is controlled by PWM signal via a transistor switching element 12 based on PWM signal output of control unit 14. Wherein the duty factor of the generated PWM signal depends on the command signal;
- An LC filter provided in the power feed line for blocking propagation of switching noise from the switching element toward the dc power supply, (see col. 2, lines 2-6). The low pass filter presented in Fig. 7 in form of coil L1 and group of capacitors C0, C1, C2;
- The voltage frequencies are affected by overshoot of the flywheel diode D1. The overshoot causes voltage ripples in the power feed line between the dc power supply and the motor. The suppression of ripples or in other

words modification of the ripple frequency is provided via filter and pulse width modification of on-to-off or off-to-on state of switching element 12, (see col. 6, lines 25—67, col. 7, lines 1-40).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 8, 9, 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sato et al. US # 5,811,948 and Warmbier et al. US # 4,236,102.

The limitations of base claims 1 and 10 have been discussed in the rejection above. Sato et al. do not teach not to exceed maximum permissible power dissipation. However in Warmbier et al. since the transistor T1 of the switch amplifier is either completely open or completely closed, no power losses are produced there. Similarly the conversion of the amplified PWM output signal of the transistor T1 into a corresponding direct voltage signal at the output of the low-pass filter is loss-free insofar as the components of the low-pass filter Dr, C1 are loss-free.

Hence, it has been obvious to one of ordinary skills in the art, at the time invention was made to combine Warmbier et al. observation regarding magnitude of losses generated due to the state of transistor switch with Sato et al. teaching on PWM

control of motor supply to control transistor switch in such a manner to maintain completely open or completely closed state of the switch.

The reason is the reduction of rate of heat that is generated in switching element.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rita Leykin whose telephone number is (571)272-2066. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paula Bradley can be reached on (571)272-2800 ext. 33. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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